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Applicant: Bachovchin *et al.* Examiner: Lukton, D.
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For: INHIBITORS OF DIPEPTIDYL-AMINOPEPTIDASE TYPE IV

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on October 26, 2001 (Paper No. 49). The deadline for responding to the Office Action was January 26, 2002. A three-month extension of time from January 26, 2002, up to and including April 26, 2002, is hereby respectfully requested, and a check for such an extension is enclosed. Applicant thus submits that the present Response is timely submitted on April 25, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

A Notice of Appeal and the appropriate fee are submitted concurrently herewith.

Amendment

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows. For the convenience of the Examiner, all of the claims, in the form they will take after entrance of the present Amendment, are attached as Appendix A.

35. (Thrice Amended) A mixture of stereoisomers consisting of a compound of the following structure and at least one stereoisomer thereof: